



January 7, 2002

Renata B. Hesse
Antitrust Division
US Department of Justice
601 D Street NW
Suite 1200
Washington DC 20530-0001

Re: Comments of the Microsoft Proposed Settlement Agreement

Dear Ms. Hesse:

Microsoft is a company that has long provided good products to consumers and businesses, and it provides opportunities for other software companies as well to develop programs for the Windows platform. The provisions of the settlement, worked out with one of the nation's top mediators, will be good for consumers, businesses, the tech sector and the economy as a whole.

I fully support the Department of Justice and the nine Attorneys General for their efforts to finally put an end to this case and agree to a settlement that is in our nation's best interest.

Sincerely,


WILLIE L. BROWN, JR.
Mayor

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